

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St. SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Via Electronic Filing

Re: MM Dkt 99-25 In the Matter of the Creation of a Low Power Radio Service

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached please find the signatures of 37 people — residents of Montana — in support of two important components of the Federal Communications Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding the future of the Low Power FM (LPFM) service.

In many communities, the demand for stations far exceeds the number of available frequencies. To best serve the diverse needs of local communities, the FCC should adopt rules and policies that maximize the number of LPFM stations that can go on the air. For example, by allowing all stations that will not cause interference to apply for waivers on the second adjacent channel, the number of community radio stations this service can license could more than double.

In addition, the FCC should require new LPFM stations to broadcast a minimum amount of locally originated programming each week. With only so many licenses available in each community — and with many more applicants than available channels — it is crucial that no city or town miss out on this opportunity for real local radio.

Respectfully submitted,
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Cc:
FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski
FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

FCC Commissioner Robert M. McDowell

—Tom Graff, Missoula, MT

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-Eric Drissell, Big Sky, MT

-S G janover, Bigfork, MT

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—Bryan Foster, Saint Regis, MT

-William Bain, Missoula, MT

I support two important components of your NPRM regarding the future of the Low Power FM (LPFM) service. Open the doors for diversity. I suspect if you open the doors and make the process easier for applications, the demand for stations would far exceed the number of available frequencies. The Federal Communications Commission should do everything it can to increase the number of LPFMs that can go on the air across the country. By allowing all stations that will not cause interference to apply for waivers on the second adjacent channel, the number of community radio stations this service can license could more than double. In addition, the FCC should require new LPFM stations to broadcast a minimum amount of locally originated programming each week. With only so many licenses available in each community — and with many more applicants than available channels — it is crucial that no city or town miss out on this opportunity for real local radio. Thank you.

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